

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 114-188 are pending in the application, with claims 114, 133, 153 and 171 being the independent claims. Claims 114 and 133 are sought to be amended. Claims 127 and 146 are sought to be cancelled. Claims 153-170 and 171-188 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections.

Acknowledgement of Interview

Applicant and his representatives extend their appreciation to Examiners Lee and Peyton for the very productive interview conducted on March 14, 2007.

The following remarks summarize the substance of the discussion at the interview.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 114, 116-131, 133-150, and 152, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over "Qmodem-Advanced Communications Operation Manual", Version 4.0, 1989 ("Qmodem"), and Microsoft Press' Computer Dictionary, 2nd Edition, 1993 ("Microsoft"). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Applicant has exhausted all available methods to obtain a copy of the Qmodem reference cited by the Examiner. Applicant can produce a later version of the Qmodem specification; "Qmodem - 4.6 Test-Drive", Copyright 1994, Mustang Software, Inc. ("QmodemPro"). QmodemPro includes all of the features described in Qmodem, and many additional features. The QmodemPro specification will be used as the basis for the following set of arguments.

In essence, Qmodem (and QmodemPro) is a terminal emulator. A terminal emulator processes discrete events (keypad entry, mouse clicks) with scripted, single

command event handlers. It has no provision for downloading customized graphical user interfaces (GUI) from multiple online service providers, and no provision for executing program logic as an element or function of the downloaded GUIs.

Applicant's invention, on the other hand, is directed to downloading and running true GUIs. A GUI processes dynamic, continuous events (mouse position tracking) with programmed, dynamic event handlers. For example, a GUI can perform "drag and drop" operations, whereas a terminal emulator cannot.

As discussed at the interview, prior to Applicant's invention, various forms of ersatz GUIs were available. However, the active portion of the interface only operated in terminal emulator mode. Commands were processed as discrete events (*i.e.*, single keystrokes), not as dynamic continuous events, as is the case with a true GUI.

The claims presented herein are all directed to a downloadable GUI with the necessary program logic to produce a custom GUI from multiple, independent online services. Neither QmodemPro nor Microsoft, alone or in combination with each other, teach or suggest the combination of features recited in Applicant's claimed invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

On page 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 115, 132, and 151 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Qmodem in view of C.E. Pettus, "Object-Oriented Distributed Communications Directory Service", U.S. Patent No. 6,031,977, February 29, 2000 ("Pettus"), cited Prior Art, p.7. Applicant respectfully traverses.

Pettus is directed to an object-oriented distributed communications directory service. Pettus does not address custom graphical user interfaces provided by online services. Pettus thus does not cure the deficiencies of QmodemPro considered alone or in combination with Microsoft, described above. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

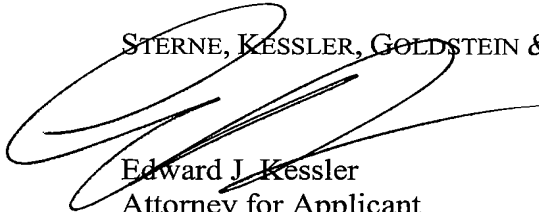
All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections.

Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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